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Wayland Free Public  
Library 6November, 1847 Town Meeting

"Article 7: To hear any report of any committee of the Town, that may be ready to report and act thereon at the pleasure of the meeting."

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Disposition of Article 7:

WAYLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
5 CONCORD RD.  
WAYLAND, MASS. 01778

"At the suggestion of Edward Mellen Esq. a committee was chosen to confer with him, on the subject of a room for a library, consisting of the following persons, James S. Draper, Hervey Reeves, Henry Coggin, Samuel M. Thomas, William Heard 2d and John N. Sherman."

March 1848 Town Meeting

"Article 11: To hear from any individual any communication, proposition or statement respecting a Town Library and do or act in any way relative thereto, or to any subject connected therewith."

Disposition of Article 11:

"This article being under consideration, Mr. Mellen stated that "A Friend of Wayland" had offered to give the town the sum of Five hundred dollars for the purchase of a Library for the use of the town provided an equal sum could be raised by subscription or otherwise, and that the sum of five hundred dollars and upwards had been raised by subscription. also that the above named donation had been placed in his hands, to be disposed of by the town for the purpose specified. It was then voted that Judge Mellen be requested to disclose the name of the Donor, who thereupon stated that the Donation was made by the Rev. Francis Wayland, D.D. of Providence, R.I. It was voted unanimously (by rising with uncovered heads) that the thanks of the town be present to the Rev. Dr. Wayland for his generous donation and that this voted be communicated to him by Judge Mellen."

"Article 12: To see if the town will accept the sum of Five Hundred dollars offered by a "Friend of Wayland," for the purpose of purchasing a Library for the use of the whole town, together with a sum exceeding that above named, raised by subscription for the same purpose--and to determine the mode of expending the whole amount or any part thereof.

Disposition of Article 12:

"Voted to accept the sums of money specified in this article."

"Article 13: To see if the Town will provide a suitable room or building in which said Library may be kept, or do or act in any way relative thereto.

Disposition of Article 13:

"Voted to refer the subject matter of this article to a committee consisting of the following persons viz. Edward Mellen, James S. Draper, Walter Reeves, Henry Coggin, Samuel M. Thomas, Abel Gleason, John N. Sherman, John B. Wight, John W. Allen, Edmund H. Sears, they to report at April meeting."

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March 1848 Town Meeting, Continued

"Article 14: To choose all committees or agents necessary for a proper reception of the donations referred to in the 12th Article - for the purchase of books, for the preparation of a code of suitable regulations for the Library - and for any other object connected therewith."

Disposition of Article 14:

"Voted that the committee last named take the whole subject relating to the Library, under consideration, and report at April meeting - a code of bylaws or regulations, the expense of room, etc."

"Voted that Mr. Mellen retain the money in his hand till April meeting."

April 1848 Town Meeting

"Article 11: To hear the report of any committee or agent that may be ready to report, and act thereon."

Disposition of Article 11:

"The committee chosen in reference to the Town Library made a partial report, on motion the report was recommitted to be reported at some future meeting."

May 1848 Town Meeting

"Article 3: To hear and act upon the report of the committee chosen in March last, with reference to the "Town Library" and its appurtenances."

Disposition of Article 3:

"The Committee chosen on the subject of the Library, made a report as on file, which was accepted by the Town."

"Article 4: To determine the amount of money to be expended in the purchase of books and the mode of expending the same."

Disposition of Article 4:

"Adopted the report, which recommended that five hundred dollars be now expended in the purchase of books."

"Article 5: To provide a suitable room or building in which said Library may be kept; and to grant money to defray the expense of the same, or do or act in any way relative thereto."

Disposition of Article 5:





May 8, 1848 Town Meeting, Continued

Disposition of Article 5:

"The subject of furnishing a room being under consideration, Judge Mellen made the following motion which passed in the affirmative, as follows. That the Assessord for the current year be directed to apportion the sum of five hundred dollars among all the tax paying inhabitants of the town of Wayland, to each his proportion, according to his taxable estate for the current year, and set such proportion against the name of each taxpayer, and that the same be committed (in a separate column) with the taxes for the present year regularly assessed, to the Collector for the current year; and that said collector collect the same; and that said collector pay all sum and sums, by him collected as aforesaid into the town Treasury; and that the money collected as aforesaid be appropriated to the erection of a building and furnishing fixtures for the use of the Wayland Town Library and that a committee of \_\_\_\_ persons be appointed to contract for, and superintend the the erection of said Library building: the foregoing proportion to taxpayers is to be optional.

"Article 6: To adopt a suitable code of regulations for the Library."

Disposition of Article 6:

"Adopted a code of bylaws as in the report."

"Article 7: To choose all officers and committees necessary for the purchase of books and the establishing of the Library."

Disporition of Article 7:

"Chose a committee of seven to purchase books for the Library as follows, Edward Mellen, John B. Wight, E.H. Sears, John W. Allen, John N. Sherman, James M. Bent, William C. Grout. Voted that the above named persons constitute the Library Committee.

"Voted to choose a committee of three to superintend the erection of a buliting provided a sufficient sum be obtained for that purpose, and chose Richard Heard, James S. Draper and Thomas J. Damon, Committee.

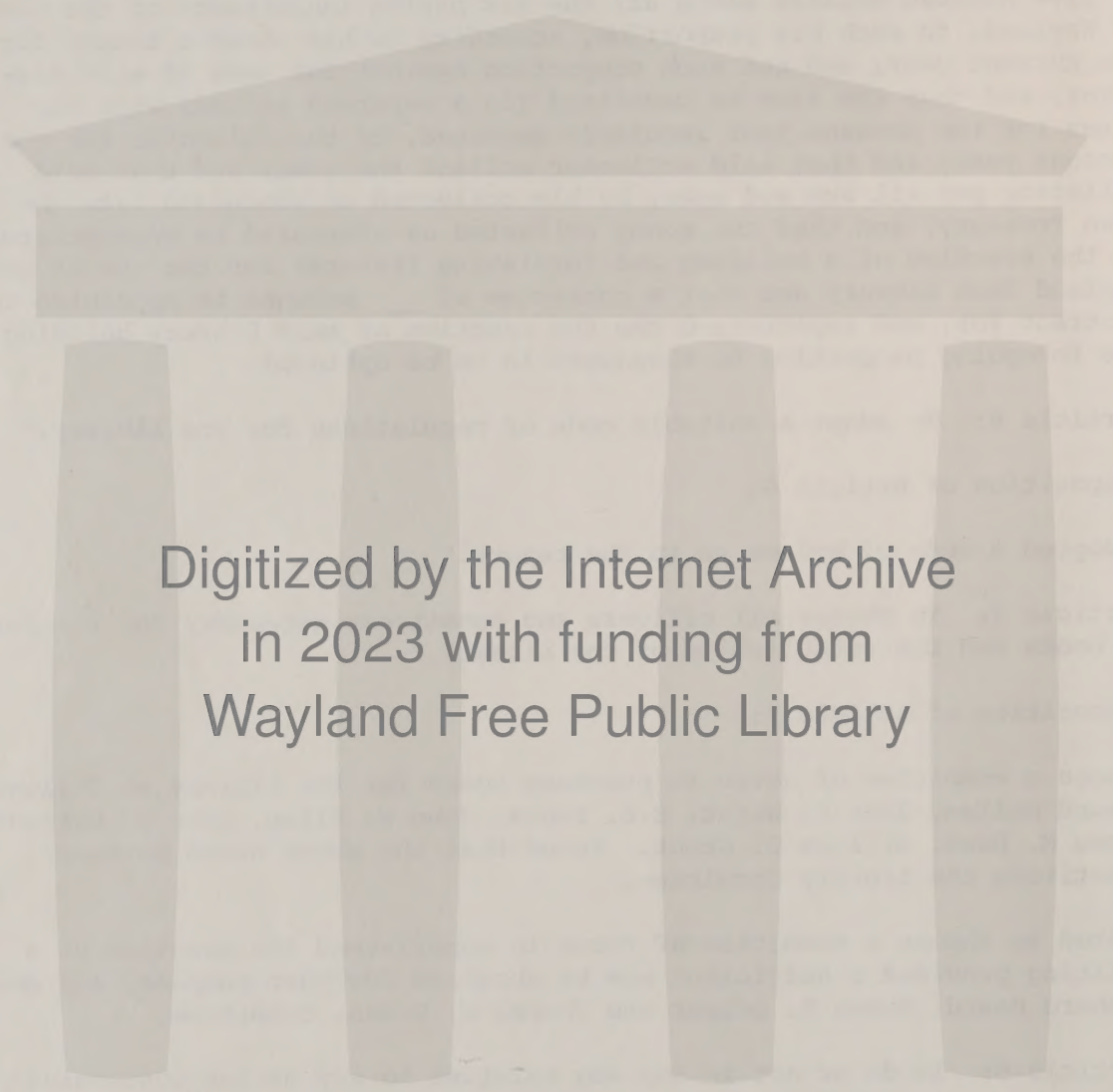
"Article 8: To do or act in any way relative to any matter concerning the Library, not included in the above articles."

Disposition of Article 8:

"The town voted to abate the tax set against Henry Child at the request of Wm. Heard 2d Collector for 1846. also the tax of the following viz. Convers Francis - McKay, Alfred Adams, Felix Golding, Hugh McGonical, Jas. E. Field at the request of Leonard Wood, Collector for 1847."

January 1, 1849 Town Meeting

"Article 4: To see if the town would have their committee proceed to purchase books for the Wayland Library, under the present circumstances, and to see if the town will take any measures to provide a place for said Library to be kept."



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January 1, 1849 Town Meeting, Continued

Disposition of Article 4:

"The subject of the Library being under consideration a proposition from Luther Gleason to build a suitable building for the Library and to lease the same to the town, was made by F.F. Heard. Thereupon the town voted to choose a committee of three persons to confer with Mr. Gleason and report to the town at a future meeting. Abel Gleason, James Draper and Josiah Russell were chosen for said committee. Voted

"Voted that the committee be requested to purchase Books for the Library as soon as may be convenient.

"Voted that that part of the meeting relating to the Library be adjourned one week, at two o'clock P.M."

January 8, 1849 Town Meeting

"The town met agreeably to adjournment and proceeded with their business as follows. The committee chosen at the last meeting to receive a proposition from Luther Gleason to build a room for the town Library and lease the same reported favorably of such proposition, whereupon the town voted that the same committee be authorized to contract for the erection of such a building to be leased to the town for the term of fifteen years, the Chairman of said committee was by vote authorized to take a lease of said building for the term of fifteen years.

"The following communication was then made to the town by James Draper and by vote was accepted and ordered to be recorded to wit, This may certify to all whom it may concern that I will pay the town of Wayland the sum of thirty dollars annually for two years from the time at which the Library building proposed to be erected by Mr. Luther Gleason shall be accepted and used by (the) town for the Wayland Library, which sum shall be appropriated to defray the expense of the lease of said building."

"The following two propositions were received and accepted by the town and ordered to be recorded, from Ellis B. Bramhall, to wit,

"Wayland, Jan. 8, 1849

"I will guaranty to pay the town five dollars a year, for five years, towards paying the rent of the Library building, to commence on the third year after the acceptance of the building

signed Ellis B. Bramhall

"I also propose to present to the town 25 volumes of books for the Library, provided the Library building is built, but will not, if the Library business acted on this day, is reconsidered after this date.

signed Ellis B. Bramhall  
Wayland, January 8, 1849"





April 2, 1849 Town Meeting

"Article 13: To order the disposal of the money which has been paid into the Treasury for the purpose of erecting a Library building."

Disposition of Article 13:

"Voted that the Collector be requested to refund the money to those from whom it was collected.

November 12, 1849 Town Meeting

"Article 14: To hear the report of the committee to confer with Luther Gleason with respect to the Library building, and act as they may see fit, relative to the Library and building."

Disposition of Article 14:

"The Committee on the subject of the Library building made a partial report, on motion the subject was referred back to the Committee, to report at a future time."

January 21, 1850 Town Meeting

"Article 3: To hear the report of any committee that may be ready to report on the subject of the Town Library or building for said Library, and do or act in any way relative to said Library and a place for keeping the same."

Disposition of Article 3:

"The committee chosen to confer and contract with Mr. L. Gleason on the subject of a building for the Library and a lease for the same reported that they had not attended to that duty, and at their request were by vote, excused from further service.

"Mr. Luther Gleason came forward and requested permission to withdraw his contract (or proposition to build a Library building) which request on motion was granted.

"A motion was made by Leonard Wood to offer to L. Gleason the sum of thirty dollars per year for five years, for the lease of his building and land in a straight line to George Smith's corner, provided he (Mr. Gleason) shall cause to be put up suitable plank steps and agree not to use the cellar for any improper purpose, passed in the affirmative. Mr. Gleason being present declined the above proposition.

"The town then voted to choose a Committee of six with full powers to agree with Mr. Gleason for his building, or procure some suitable place for the Library before March meeting.

The following persons constitute the abovenamed committee: Rev. John B. Wight, Hervey Reeves, Artemas Bond, Nathan S. Johnson, William Heard 2d, James D. Walker.





March 4, 1850 Town Meeting

"Article 6: To hear the report of the committee chosen to provide a place for the reception of the town Library, and do or act in any way relative to said Library, and the fitting up a place for the same."

Disposition of Article 6:

"The Committee mentioned in this article reported verbally, as follows, that the two lower rooms in the town house should be fitted up for the reception of the Library. The Committee were then on motion discharged.

"Voted to choose a committee of three to fit up the rooms below, in a proper manner for the reception of the Library and to make such alterations in the town house as they think proper. Chose for their committee:

H.B. Braman  
Jas. M. Bent  
Josiah Russell

"Article 7: To see if the town will order any repairs or alterations in the town house."

Disposition of Article 7:

"Voted that the committee just chosen be directed to make such alterations and repairs in the town house, as they may deem expedient, and that they have power to borrow money on the credit of the town, for the above purpose."

April 1, 1850 Town Meeting

"Article 18: To choose all necessary Library officers."

Disposition of Article 18:

"Chose the following persons Library Committee  
Edward Mellen, Wm. R. Dudley & Sulvester Reeves, Chm.,  
James S. Draper, Treasurer"

May 27, 1850 Town Meeting

"Article 3: To hear the report of any Committee and act any way relative thereto."

Disposition of Article 3:

"The Committee chosen to repair the Town House made a report in part, and on motion, were instructed to procure a table suitable for the Library room, and new settees for the Town Hall and to dispose of the old seals in the same."





August 19, 1850 Town Meeting

"Article 3: To see if the town will alter the Library regulations or act in any way relative to the Library."

Disposition of Article 3:

"The town then proceeded to take up the Library Regulations and on motion of Mr. Braman the 4th article was stricken out and one substituted in its place as on file, then on motion of Mr. William Heard 2d, voted that the Committee be instructed to close the Library until such times as it can be opened in conformity to the By-laws. 1850

"Voted that when the Library is ready to be reopened that notice of the same be given by posting notices at the same places as are the warrants for notifying town meetings."

March 3, 1851 Town Meeting

"Article 7: To hear the report of any Committee and act thereon.

Disposition of Article 7:

"The committee chosen in March last to make any repairs or alterations in the Town Hall building, reported verbally that the expense of such repairs and alterations as have been made amount to four hundred and seventy-two dollars."

April 7, 1851 Town Meeting

"Article 8: To grant money to supply the deficiency of a former grant for the repair of the Town House."

Disposition of Article 8:

"Granted to supply deficiency \$210,00

"Article 15: To hear the report of the Treasurer of the Wayland Town Library and of the Committees connected therewith."

"To determine what amount of money shall be expended for books for the Library for the year ensuing or do or act in any way relative thereto and to choose all necessary Library Officers for the year ensuing."

Disposition of Article 15:

"Accepted the report of the Treasurer of the Wayland Library.

"Accepted the report of the Committee on purchasing Books. Aldo heard and accepted the report of the Library Committee.

"Voted that the purchasing Committee be instructed to lay out the remaining money for Books.





April 7, 1851 Town Meeting, Continued

Disposition of Article 15, Continued:

"Voted that \$21,04½ being incidental expences of Library be paid out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury.

"Voted that the Purchasing Committee confer with the Rev. Dr. Wayland on the subject of his visit and invite him to address the Inhabitants also to make all necessary arrangements at the expense of the town.

"Then chose Edward Mellen, William N. Dudley, S. Reeves, jr Library Committee

"Chose James S. Draper, Treasurer of the Library."

May 26, 1851 Town Meeting

"Article 3: To see if the town will authorise and direct the School district Libraries to be placed in the town Library and to form a part of the town Library, or act in any manner relative thereto."

Disposition of Article 3:

"Passed over."

"Article 4: To see if the town will choose a Committee to make further provision for building shelves or alcoves, for books in the town Library room, or act in any way thereon.

Disposition of Article 4:

"The former committee on repairs etc. on Townhouse were directed to make the necessary additions of shelves in Library."

November 10, 1851 Town Meeting

"Article 4: To see if the town will direct the School District Libraries to be placed in, and become a part of the town Library."

Disposition of Article 4:

"Voted to move the District School Libraries to the Central Library."

"Voted that the thanks of the town be presented to the Rev. Dr. Wayland through Judge Mellen for his late donation of twenty five dollars towards the increase of the Library."





April 3, 1852 Town Meeting

"Article 9: To hear the report of Treasurer of Wayland Town Library and of the Committees connected therewith to grant money for the support of the Library - to choose all necessary Library officers for the year ensuing; and to make any alteration in the byelaws of the Library."

Disposition of Article 9:

"Heard and accepted the report of the Treasurer of the Wayland Library.

"Voted to authorise the Treasurer to collect all monies belonging to the Library.

"Heard and accepted the report of Library Committee.

"Voted that the hou of opening the Library be changed from 7 to 6 from October to March. Also authorized the Library Committee to make any other alterations in the laws of the same they shall see fit.

"Then chose: James S. Draper            Treasurer  
                 Edward Mellen  
                 Wm. N. Dudley            Library Committee  
                 S. Reeves, jr.

April 4, 1853 Town Meeting

"Article 12: To hear the report of the Treasurer of the Wayland Town Library and of the Committees connected therewith and to grant money for the support of the Library and to choose all necessary Library officers for the year ensuing."

Disposition of Article 12:

"Heard and accepted the report of the Treasurer of the Wayland Library also the report of the Purchasing Committee. Granted for expenses of the Library and purchase of Books \$75.

"Voted to authorise the Library Committee to expend a part of the above Seventy five dollars for a Bulletin board for the Library.

"Chose Edward Mellen, J.B. Wight, J.N. Sherman    Committee  
"Chose James S. Draper                                Treasurer"

